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SUBJECT: LOAN TO NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

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1. AFTER REPEATED INQUERIES TO MINCULT CONCERNING
PROMISED ESTIMATES FOR RESTORATION OF VON HUMBOLDT
PORTRAIT AND RHINOCEROS HORN VASE, EMBASSY WAS ADVISED THAT REPLY
WOULD COME FROM MFA. IN MEETING MAY 27 WITH LEUTZKENDORF
AND BETTIN OF MFA CULTURAL SECTION, LITTELL WAS TOLD THAT
IT WAS HOPED THAT COST ESTIMATES WOULD SOON BE FORTHCOMING.

2. FRAU LUETZKENDORF, ACTING SECTION HEAD, STATED THAT
THE MUSEUM CURAOTRS IN QUESTION HAD INITIALLY BEEN RELUCTANT
TO ALLOW THE LOANS, BUT HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE MFA TO
TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY. LITTELL EXPLAINED
NATIONAL GALLERY POSITION THAT THE ENGRAVINGS WOULD NOT
MEET THE NEEDS OF THE BINCENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.

3. EMBASSY WILL TELEGRAM COST ESTIMATES FOR RESTORATION UPON
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